

HR 39

Original Honoring Our WWII Merchant Mariners Act of 2025

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jan 3, 2025

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. (Dec 19, 2025)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Green, Al [D-TX-9]

Party: Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Sep 8, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 3, 2025
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 19, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 3, 2025)

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This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to distribute a payment of \$25,000 to U.S. merchant marines who engaged in qualified service during World War II. To be eligible, an individual must apply for the benefit and must not have received benefits under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944. The bill sets forth what constitutes qualified service, including time frame of service and licensing requirements.

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